

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>Application of:</b>	)	<b>Docket No. 34714</b>
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<b>DERÉ NEWMAN, et al.</b>	)	<b>Confirmation No.: 6563</b>
	)	
<b>Serial No.: 10/709,856</b>	)	<b>Group Art Unit No. 3677</b>
	)	
<b>Filed: June 2, 2004</b>	)	<b>Customer No.: 23589</b>
	)	
<b>EXTENSION POLE WITH TOOL LOCK AND RETRACTION DAMPENER</b>	)	<b>Examiner: KYLE, Michael J.</b>

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action of June 22, 2006, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.